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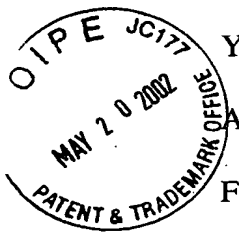
In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period of response two months to May 20, 2002, (May 18, 2002 falls on a Saturday) and the accompanying fee are being separately filed herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended specification for the specification filed on September 3, 1999.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 2 and 6, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.



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